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SUBJECT: NAC SESSION, OCTOBER 9: GROMYKO CONVERSATION WITH FRG
FONMIN IN NEW YORK

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HEREWITH REPORT CIRCULATED AT OCTOBER 9 NAC BY FRG PERMREP (KRAPF)
ON SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING IN NEW YORK BETWEEN GROMYKO AND FRG FONMIN
GENSCHER.

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THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE DISCUSSED:

1. CSCE

"PEACEFUL CHANGE"

IN REFERRING TO THE TWO EXISTING FORMULAS, THE "REGISTERED"
FORMULA AND THE FORMULA PROPOSED BY THE US, FOREIGN
MINISTER GROMYKO SAID THAT HE HAD GAINED THE IMPRESSION
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IN WASHINGTON THAT THE US COULD AGREE TO THE "REGISTERED"
FORMULA.

BECAUSE OF REMARKS MADE BY GROMYKO VISA-A-VIS OTHER ALLIES,

FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER UNDERLINED THE VITAL INTEREST OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA ON "PEACEFUL CHANGE". HE SAID THAT WE SUPPORTED THE US FORMULA AND THAT WE WERE IN ENTIRE AGREEMENT WITH OUR FRIENDS. THE POSSIBILITY TO CHANGE OR ELIMINATE FRONTIERS BY PEACEFUL MEANS WAS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT IN CONNECTION WITH THE "LETTER ON GERMAN UNITY" BUT WAS ALSO OF GREAT INTEREST TO EUROPE.

THE PRECISE PHRASING OF SUCH A FORMULA DEPENDED ON THE PRINCIPLE UNDER WHICH IT WERE TO BE INCLUDED. WE COULD ACCEPT THE "REGISTERED" FORMULA IF IT WERE TO BE INCLUDED UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF THE INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS.

MR. GENSCHER SUGGESTED THAT THE DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA SHOULD CONINUE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM.

MR. GROMYKO AGREED THAT, OF COURSE, THE REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEM. HE WOULD LIKE, HOWEVER, TO PROPOSE A SLIGHTLY MODIFIED FORMULA, HOPING THAT WE WOULD FIND IT ACCEPTABLE. HE HANDED MR. GENSCHER A FORMULA IN RUSSIAN, THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PARTICIPATING STATES CONSIDER THAT THEIR FRONTIERS CAN BE CHANGED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, ONLY THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS AND BY AGREEMENT."

MR. GROMYKO ASKED THAT WE EXAMINE THIS FORMULA.

-EQUALITY OF THE PRINCIPLES"

MR. GROMYKO ASKED WHETHER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE MEANTIME HAD COME TO A DECISION REGARDING THE FORMULA DISCUSSED AT THEIR RECENT BONN MEETING, ACCORDING TO WHICH ALL PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE EQUALLY FULFILLED
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OR OBSERVED OR APPLIED. MR. GENSCHER SAID THAT THIS WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. HE STRESSED THAT FOR US IT WAS OF IMPORTANCE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ALL PRINCIPLES ARE EQUAL, FORMING A UNIFORM WHOLE.

-"CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES"

MR. GROMYKO EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT REGARDING CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES MANY COUNTRIES MANIFESTED AN UNREALISTIC ATTITUDE AS THOUGH THEY DID NOT WANT AN AGREEMENT. HE AGAIN ASKED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RE-EXAMINE ITS POSITION.

MR. GENSCHER ANSWERED THAT WE WANTED TO COOPERATE
IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER AND THAT WE THOUGHT OUR POSITION
REGARDING CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES TO BE ENTIRELY
REALISTIC.

2. AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND
THE SOVIET UNION

MR. GROMYKO SHOWED STRONG INTEREST IN AN EARLY CONCLUSION
OF A SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT PROGRESS BE MADE WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS OF
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